

AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDE CLEAN DAY

The Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries (ADAI) is stepping up efforts to help Alabama farmers and households to safely dispose of unwanted and unusable pesticides through a new program called "**Clean Sweep.**" The program provides an environmentally sound option to dispose of unusable and unwanted pesticides.

Through the Clean Sweep program, pesticide users in every county around the state have had the opportunity to dispose of unwanted agricultural pesticides.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP IS GOOD FOR EVERYONE!

There are many hazardous characteristics associated with waste pesticides. These characteristics pose potential dangers to public health and the environment. Disposing of unusable pesticides eliminates the potential dangerous materials. Since 1994 more than **700,000** pounds of waste pesticides have been collected and disposed of through the ADAI sponsored programs. Waste pesticides collected in Alabama are destroyed at an out of state incinerator that was specifically designed to destroy hazardous waste materials.

- Pesticides are products containing chemicals that control pests. Pesticides support the production of a safe and abundant supply of food, fuel and fiber by offering protection from insects, rodents, weeds and plant diseases.
- Pesticides **are** hazardous to targeted pests. Herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, rodenticides and disinfectants are the most common pesticides, but there are more.
- Proper use of pesticides minimizes the risk to non-targeted species and assures the safety of humans, as well as protection of land and water resources.
- Frequently, farmers, and small businesses end up with **waste pesticides** – pesticides at the end of their usable life.



Pesticides become unusable when:

- They undergo a physical change due to heat, cold or age.
- The pesticide is banned from use because of state or federal restrictions (i.e. DDT).
- The label – directions for use – on the pesticide container becomes unreadable or fall off and become lost.
- The pesticide becomes unwanted when no longer needed (i.e. moved, purchased too much).



**UNUSABLE AND UNWANTED
PESTICIDES MUST BE DISPOSED OF
ACCORDING TO THE LABEL
DIRECTIONS. IT IS ILLEGAL TO
BURY, OR BURN A PESTICIDE.**

What is the risk?

The longer you store a pesticide that you no longer use the more likely...

- the container will deteriorate and release the contents.
 - the product label will become detached, lost or unreadable. The result is the container contents can no longer be identified.
 - someone unaware of the dangers may accidentally knock over, handle or open a pesticide container and become exposed to harmful chemicals.
 - the location and contents of the stored pesticides may be forgotten.
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Safe Handling & Transport of Waste Pesticides

- If the pesticide container appears unsound (rust, water damage, fatigue) place the pesticide container into a larger container (pail, barrel, bag, etc) for safe transport. Wear chemical resistant gloves when handling unsound containers.
- Secure the waste pesticide containers in your vehicle to prevent container breakage, tipping or spilling while transporting.
- Ensure that the container has a cover or lid to prevent splashing while starting and stopping during the drive.
- Do not transport waste pesticide in the passenger portion of a vehicle.
- The Hazardous Waste Contractor will unload the waste pesticide from your vehicle at the waste pesticide collection site.

Participants are responsible for their waste pesticides – including accidental spills - until delivered to the collection site.

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May 14, 2009

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please Read Carefully

FOR MORE INFORMATION call Ms. Kathy Smith, Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries, 334-240-7242 or your county Extension agent in Autauga, Bullock, Coosa, Elmore, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Montgomery, Tallapoosa counties.

The maximum amount to be accepted per vehicle will not exceed 1,000 pounds. If you have more than 1,000 pounds of material please contact Ms. Gail Ellis, Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, 334-850-9340, to see if special arrangements can be made for disposal of your unwanted pesticide products.

Materials that **WILL** be accepted include both known and unidentifiable pesticide waste, such as insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, and other products such as defoliants, adjuvants and growth retardants.

Products **NOT** accepted include, but are not limited to the following: explosives or ordinance materials, compressed gas cylinders, petroleum products (motor oil), paints, tires, medical waste, radioactive materials, dioxin precursors or seeds.

For Official Use Only

Received: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Verification of Farm Number: _____ Yes _____ No

Total pounds to dispose: _____

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PESTICIDE REGISTRATION FORM

Please type or use pen and complete all sections:

Farm name: _____ County: _____

Address where waste is stored: _____

Current telephone #: (____) _____

Please list information found on the label. If label is not readable or missing, list any known information about the product. Pesticides include: herbicides, insecticides, fungicides and rodenticides.

Active ingredient or brand name	Container size (Circle the appropriate gallons or pounds)	Container weight in pounds	Can container be transported without leaking?*	
<i>Example: Arsenic (Paris Green)</i>	<u>1</u> gal./lbs.	_____	Yes	No
<i>Unknown: yellow liquid</i>	<u>5</u> gal./lbs.	_____	Yes	No
_____	_____ gal./lbs.	_____	Yes	No
_____	_____ gal./lbs.	_____	Yes	No
_____	_____ gal./lbs.	_____	Yes	No
_____	_____ gal./lbs.	_____	Yes	No
_____	_____ gal./lbs.	_____	Yes	No
_____	_____ gal./lbs.	_____	Yes	No
_____	_____ gal./lbs.	_____	Yes	No
_____	_____ gal./lbs.	_____	Yes	No
_____	_____ gal./lbs.	_____	Yes	No
_____	_____ gal./lbs.	_____	Yes	No

***You can obtain overpack materials at no cost by contacting the county Extension office if needed to prevent spills for transport to the collection site.**